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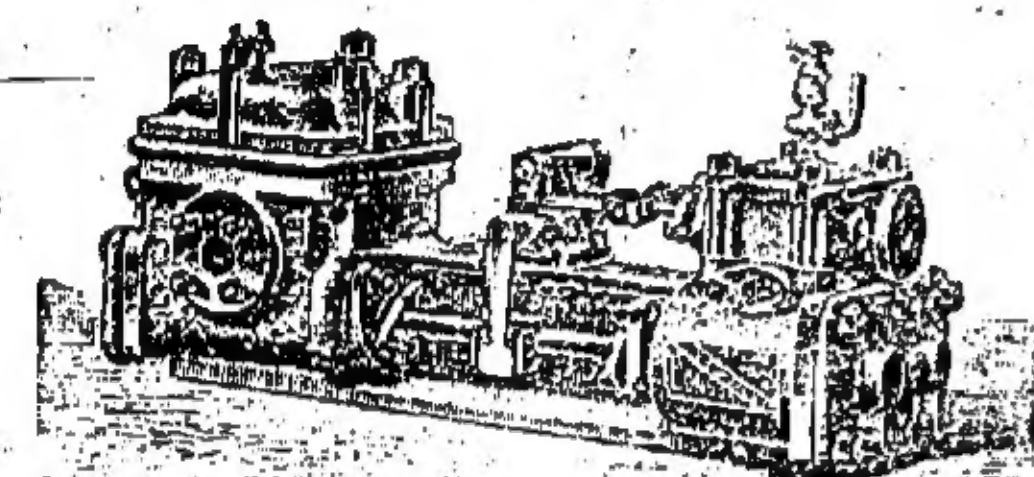
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NOTICE.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND
FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 2,656, dated
4th January 1898, of the Shares
numbered 10,201 to 10,250 in this Com-
pany, standing in the name of Mr. JAY
BUTT, of Yokohama, has been LOST,
and if at the expiration of one month from
the date hereof, the above document be
not forthcoming, another Certificate will
be issued by the Company, and therefor
no other will be acknowledged.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, May 12, 1900. 1019

DOOLITTLE AND POLLOCK,
COMMISSION AGENTS,
50, LYNCHBURST TERRACE,
HONGKONG.

AGENTS FOR JARVIS PACKING COMPANY,
Hongkong, May 7, 1900. 1058

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Hongkong, May 16, 1900. 1135

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Hongkong, May 26, 1900. 1211

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perienced ENGLISH-SPAKING AMAR.
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Hongkong, May 23, 1900. 1180

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a
MEETING of the Board of Directors
of the above Company, held at the Reg-
istered Office of the Company, Queen's
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on
Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March,
1900, the following resolutions were
passed:

1. That in pursuance of the provisions
of the Special Resolution passed at
an Extraordinary General Meeting
of the Company held on the 7th,
and confirmed on the 27th March
instant, and since duly registered,
the sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn
from the Reserve Fund and be
carried as of the 2nd July next,
to the Credit of Capital Account,
each share being credited with a
sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in
addition to the sum of \$5 now
standing to the credit of each share.
2. That the balance of \$25 per share
of the unpaid Capital of the Com-
pany be called up, and that a Call
be and is hereby made of \$25 per
share upon all the shares of the
Company, and that the Share-
holders be requested to pay the
sum to the Company's Bankers,
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation, at their premises,
Queen's Road Central, on or before
the 2nd day of July A. D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay
accordingly.
And Notice is also given that, in accord-
ance with Article 44 of the Company's
Articles of Association, interest will be
charged as from the 2nd day of July
1900, at the rate of 12 per centum per
annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid
after the 9th day of July 1900, up to the
actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHIMMOT HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 702

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
THE HONGKONG TIMBER YARD,
(Established 1853),
has This Day been REMOVED from No.
65, Praya East, Marine Lot 109, to Inland
Lot 108, BOWRINGTON CANAL, near
Leighton Hill Road Bridge, and opposite
Lee Yuen Sugar Refinery.

By Order,
L. MALLOY,
Manager.
Hongkong, May 1, 1900. 1008

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THE 'STAR' FERRY COMPANY,
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NOTICE is hereby given that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the 'STAR' FERRY
CO., LIMITED, will be held at the
Company's Office, No. 2, Connaught Road,
Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY,
the 11th day of June, 1900, at 12.30 o'clock in
the afternoon, when the SUBJOINED
RESOLUTION, which was passed at the
Extraordinary General Meeting of the
Company held on the 23rd day of May,
1900, will be submitted for confirmation as
a SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

That the Regulations contained in Table
A in so far as they apply to this Company
be altered as follows:

That the following clause be substituted
for Clause 37 of Table A:—
'The quorum for all the purposes of a
General Meeting shall be not less
than five members present in per-
son or by proxy. No business
shall be transacted at any General
Meeting unless the quorum re-
quired be present at the commence-
ment of the business.'

By Order,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 25, 1900. 1206

THE 'STAR' FERRY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

ISSUE OF \$100,000 NEW CAPITAL.
IS 10,000 SHARES OF \$10 EACH, \$2.50 PAID
UP. A Dividend of \$0.50 per
Share, \$1.50 P.A. or

NOTICE is hereby given that the Issue
of \$100,000 NEW CAPITAL which was
sanctioned at the Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company held on 23rd May
1890, will be offered to those persons who
are Registered as Shareholders on the 9th
June, 1900, in the proportion of One New
Share to Every Old Share.

The New Shares will be issued at a
premium of \$5 making a Total Payment of
\$15 per Share, of which \$2.50 per Share
and \$1.50 Premiums \$4 in all, will be
PAYABLE on the 10th June, 1900, and the
Balance when called for.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 25th June
to the 11th June, both days inclusive.

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in the above-named Company, and that
such Call is PAYABLE to the General
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Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, May 16, 1900. 1130

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H. H. J. GOMPERTZ,
Acting Police Magistrate.

MANAGER,
Hongkong, 28th May, 1900. 1208

Business Notices.

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The Salaries Commission.

The Commission appointed by Government to inquire as to the salaries of public servants with a view to their being placed on a scale more in accordance with salaries paid to men engaged in the general business of the Colony is obtaining from the different servants statements as to their emoluments, duties and responsibilities. It is expected that, in a short time the Commission will issue its report. The Commission consists of gentlemen who employ large staffs and they will be able to readily see the disparity that exists between the Government servants and others engaged in almost similar work in the Colony.

A Rogue and Vagabond.

At the Magistrate's, this morning, a Chinese youth was brought up on a charge of stealing a jacket from a shop, yesterday morning, and also with having had 8 picklocks in his possession. It appears that when the shopkeeper gave chase the defendant threw the jacket in a confederate and they both took to their heels. The shopkeeper gave chase and succeeded in capturing the man who lifted the coat. He handed the thief over to a district watchman who took him to No. 7 Police Station. On being searched here the picklocks were found in his possession. He could give no satisfactory evidence as to their being on his person. He was sent to prison for a month for stealing the jacket and for other two months for being a rogue and a vagabond. It would seem as if prisoner is one of a gang of men whose notations trade it is to enter and rob a shop during their absence.

Blinded with Pepper by Thieves.

At the Magistrate's, to-day, Sam Fat was charged with attempting to steal \$100 in silver from Chan Chin, a stall holder in the Western Market. From the evidence it appeared that the attempt took place in Queen's Road Central at about 7.30 last night. Chan Chin had taken a hundred dollar note to a money-changer's to have it changed. He carried the change in a bag, and when returning to the Market he was set upon by five men near the end of Ladder Street. The men threw pepper in his eyes and snatched at the bag. The man though blinded managed to keep hold of the bag and shouted for help. Prisoner was caught by some bystanders and handed over to P. C. Brown. Inspector Warnock said that complainant's eyes were very much inflamed and his face was covered with pepper. Prisoner said he was a coolie. Returning from his work he saw some people running and he ran too. Complainant said he was quite sure prisoner was one of his assailants. His Worship Mr. Gumpert said that if defendant had any previous convictions he would have sent him to the Criminal Sessions. This was a class of offence which was far too common in Hongkong and as a warning to others defendant must go to prison for six months with hard labour.

The Philippines Commission.

Since arrival in the Colony the U.S. Commission to the Philippines has been busily engaged in conferences and receiving and paying official calls. Early on Sunday morning, Consul-General Williams and the Captains of the several U.S. warships in the harbour paid their respects to the Commissioners on board the *Hancock*. Yesterday forenoon, by appointment, the Commissioners held an extended conference and took the testimony of the Cortes family regarding a possible solution of the troubles in the Islands. This forenoon, the Commissioners, accompanied by Consul-General Williams, called officially upon H. E. the Officer Administering the Government. To-night and Thursday night the Commission will dine at the American Consulate. The *Hancock* leaves on Friday morning for the Philippines. She carries the following passengers: Judge William H. Taft, President of Commission, Judge Henry E. Ide, General Luke E. Wright, Professor Dean C. Worcester, Professor Bernard Moses, Philippine Commissioners; Rutledge Corbin, Mr. Ferguson, Spanish Secretary; Mr. Frank A. Branagan, Disbarred Agent; Messrs. Roy, P. C. Dominguez, Frederick Hiskell, P. S. Carter, D. R. Williams, Mr. Broun, Mr. Cuffman, Mrs. William H. Taft, two children and maid, Miss Herron, Miss Ide and maid, Mrs. Marjorie Ide, Mrs. Moses, Mrs. Wright and maid, Miss Wright, Mrs. Worcester, two children and maid, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Le Roy, Captain William L. Kneeller, Mrs. W. L. Kneeller, Major M. A. Bateson, United States Volunteers; Captain John J. Bradley, U. S. A., in command of U. S. T. *Harwood*. Although the Commission is vested with absolute power, Judge Taft will probably not take over the duties of Governor-General until probably 1st September, as he desires to give the army under Major-General MacArthur a perfectly free hand to work out a scheme of campaign that has been approved by the Washington authorities.

The Queen's Road Squabble.

At the Magistrate's, to-day, before Mr. H. J. Gumpert, Eng. Hok Fung, book and merchant, Queen's Road West, and his two concubines appeared on charges of having created a disturbance in Queen's Road West in the early morning of the 14th, assaulting the police and obstructing them in the execution of their duty. The evidence last yesterday bore out the story as published in our issue of the 14th. Mr. Lockyer, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the prisoners. The evidence having been heard a charge was preferred by Eng. Hok Fung against three of the defendants who had been engaged in his arrest, of assault. Dr. Swan gave evidence to the effect that he had attended complainant since about the 14th inst. every day. He had been severely handled, having numerous contusions and abrasions all over his person. Complainant gave evidence after which the further hearing was adjourned till Friday.

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CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Correspondent.)

ROMAN CATHOLIC TROUBLES AT YAI LUK.
Canton, May 28.

Tai Lok is a large village near Fatsan. A serious dispute is going on there between the Roman Catholic and non-Christian natives. The alleged cause of the disturbance is said to be as follows. About ten years ago a man in Tai Lok leased a pawnshop for a period of ten years. The business proving a profitable one the man did not wish to give up the pawnshop when the time had expired. To avoid conforming with the conditions of the lease which was impossible, for all the documents were against him. In his dilemma a way was found, for he sought and obtained admission to the Roman Catholic church. To the ordinary reader the connection between these two things may not be very apparent, but not so with the Chinese. They know from experience that this dodge has been tried again and again with the happiest results to those concerned. All this arises from an abhorrence of the clause in the Treaty which refers to the protection of Chinese who embrace Christianity. Now when the owner of the pawnshop tried to get his rights, the priest came to the protection of the new convert and backed him up with the power of the church. The result is as might just be expected, a very strong antipathy to the Roman Catholics not only in Tai Lok but in all the surrounding villages. The passage of three Chinese goods boats through Kaitan on their way to Tai Lok, caused a great deal of excitement, which might have led to rather serious trouble but for the prompt action of the local officials. The report was spread through the town that these three goods boats were on their way to arrest the native Christians in Tai Lok.

CIRCULATING SEDITIONARY PAPERS.

As the result of a strong remonstrance on the part of the French Consul, several men have been arrested for selling seditious sheets in the streets of Canton. These sheets were not particularly serious themselves, but the men, in order to get a larger and speedier circulation, gave it out that these sheets contained a Proclamation from the Viceroy ordering all Christians to wear a particular kind of dress. It was also added that the destruction of Mission property was enjoined. A hint of this kind is seldom lost on the turbulent section of the population of Canton. It may be well here to recall the fact that the proposal for Chinese Christians to have a distinctive dress goes back to the days when Chang Chi Tung was Viceroy of the Two Kwang, and that that well-known Viceroy was author of the suggestion. It also included the brothel-keepers. The joining of native Christians with a class that is universally despised, is a significant indication to the way some, if not all, the Officials regard Chinese Christians.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., General Managers of the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd., inform us that they are in receipt of a telegram from the Head Office in London stating that, at the annual general meeting of Shareholders, to be held on the 7th June, the Directors will recommend the same dividend as last year (6 per cent. and bonus of 2 per cent.) for the year 1899, both free of income tax, and to carry forward 127,563. The balance at credit of Underwriting Account on 31st December 1899 was £161,750.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE WAR.

BRITISH FORCE NEARING JOHANNESBURG.

BOERS RETREATING AT EVERY POINT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
London, May 29, 2 a.m.

The British Force under Field Marshal Lord Roberts has been rapidly advancing and has reached within eighteen miles of Johannesburg without much opposition, the Boers retreating at every point.

General French's cavalry division and the force under General Ian Hamilton is engaged with the enemy on hills to the west of Lord Roberts' position.

REUTERS' SERVICE.

London, 29th May.
THE WAR: THE ADVANCE INTO THE TRANSVAAL.

Lord Roberts was at Wolkehoek on the 28th inst., and the advanced portion of the force crossed the Vaal on the Queen's birthday near Parys. General Ian Hamilton's column is at Boschdank. Our scouts are now at Viljoen's Drift where the local mines are unharmed and none of the enemy to be seen this side of the river.

LATER.

A telegram from Lourenco Marques states that an influential deputation of Burgers urged President Kruger to surrender. President Kruger replied that the matter was in hands of the Commandants.

London, 29th May.
THE JAPANESE PRINCE IN EUROPE.

Prince Kotohito has arrived at Constantinople.

THE WAR: LORD ROBERTS' ADVANCE.

General French crossed Linlithgow Drift on Friday.

NATAL.

Reuters' correspondent at Newcastle says that the Boers are very active and have been largely reinforced, they are now fortifying positions extending from Fryheid to Lings Nek.

RUMOURS OF PEACE.

Reiterated rumours prevail in Natal and the Free State borders, that President Kruger is seriously considering question of surrender.

THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

THE CRIMINALS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Judge William H. Taft, the President of the Philippine Commission, and the prospective first Civil Governor-General of the Philippine Islands (who is at present in Hongkong), said in a speech in San Francisco, just before leaving on April 17:—

"I have previously had occasion to say that I am not an expansionist. I should most prefer that this problem had not been presented to this country. But I am firmly convinced that a due respect to national and international obligations would not have permitted the bringing about of any other condition than that which we find confronting us. (Applause.) Our relations with the people whom we assisted in throwing off a fifteen-century government would make it a dishonorable step to do otherwise than as we have. The attempt to govern by a few misguided and ambitious leaders, resulting as it would in anarchy and disorder, has made it necessary for us to stay there and preserve order. Having assumed the obligation on this ground it obliges us to give those people the best possible government. We do not conceal from ourselves the difficulties that are before us, but we take refuge in the fact that the American people have never yet failed in what they attempted to do. We must win the confidence of the people. To do this we must do something. We cannot win it by procrastination. The Spanish Government taught those people to rely on no statement made in a manifesto. It is a great task, and would be appalling if it were not that the American people are equal to it. The Civil War presented difficulties no less serious than these that now confront us, and it was settled. We can settle this."

As to the question of the Constitution extending over those islands, or proper rigors, I desire to make one suggestion. I think an officer of the United States, if he acts at all legally, acts under the Constitution. The question as to whether certain acts apply to territory acquired as this territory has been acquired is not so serious as may be imagined. These five men are acting for 70,000,000 people, and even if they had not the right to do so, they would certainly respect the feelings of those 70,000,000 people and will give a guarantee of personal liberty to the people of the Philippines. We carry to them the principles of Anglo-Saxon liberty, the liberty which preserves the rights of the individual. On behalf of the Commission I thank you for this cordial welcome."

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VICTORIA DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL.

The following is a brief report of what has taken place since the last general meeting held August 10th, 1899, in relation to the Diamond Jubilee Memorial.

THE VICTORIA HOSPITAL AND NURSING INSTITUTE.

1. At the last General Meeting held August 10th, 1899, the Chairman stated that the Committee were then in a position to proceed with the Hospital and Nursing Institute in accordance with the plans prepared by the architects and on the basis of the estimate prepared by them.

2. On August 20th, the architects, Messrs. Palmer and Turner, were instructed to call for tenders and to report the result as early as possible.

They reported on November 23rd that they had called for lump-sum tenders and that the lowest received was some 60 per cent. in excess of their estimate.

3. The Committee then instructed them to take out a bill of quantities and call for fresh tenders.

The quantities were ready about the end of January and after much difficulty the result of the large amount of building going on in the colony and the consequent rise in prices, the Committee have at length obtained a reasonable tender and have entered into a contract for the erection of the Hospital on Barker Road.

4. The Committee have found it impossible owing to the rise in prices, to proceed with the building of the Nursing Institute. They have reported this to Government and pointed out that as quarters will be provided at the new Hospital for a resident surgeon effecting a saving of \$720 per annum, which if capitalized at 5 per cent., amounts to \$14,400, they hoped that the Government would obtain the permission of the Secretary of State to erect the Nursing Institute Wing and pay for it out of the revenues of the colony, in which case any available balance from the Hospital fund would be handed over for that purpose.

5. The financial position now stands as follows:—
Balance at credit of fund 31st March, 1900, £101,197.32
Estimated accumulation of interest on fund during disbursement, say, 3,802.78
Total amount available say, \$105,000.00

Contracts for preparation of site and erection of Hospital and Quarters on Barker Road, 887,776.00
Goods to be obtained from England, say, 10,000.00
Architects' Commission, and Fees, say, 5,500.00
Total amount to be expended \$993,276.00

There will therefore be an estimated balance of some \$1,724 to cover further contingencies, an allowance of \$2,560 having been made for ordinary contingencies in the contract.

6. The work of preparing the site for the Hospital has been commenced and it is hoped that there will now be no further delay and that in due course this section of the scheme for commemorating Her Majesty's 60 years' reign will be brought to a successful conclusion.

JUBILEE ROAD.

1. The Committee are pleased to report that the memorial to the Secretary of State has been practically successful, the following reply having been received.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S LETTER.
HONGKONG, Colonial Secretary's Office, 7th April, 1900.

Sir,—With reference to the Colonial Secretary's letter No. 1,089, of the 3rd of October last, I am directed to transmit to you for the information of the Jubilee Committee the enclosed copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in answer to the Governor's despatch No. 274 of the 27th of September last, in which was forwarded the statement which you submitted on behalf of the Jubilee Committee under date of the 15th of the month on the subject of the proposed construction of a road from Kennedy Town to Aberdeen.

The conditions upon which the Military Authorities are prepared to give their objections to the road are as follows:—
(a) The road to follow generally the 150 ft contour.
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Subject to the Military considerations which you are separately advised, I am prepared to concur in the opinion expressed in paragraph 4 of your despatch under date of the 15th of the month, and to do so on the basis of the statement which you submitted on behalf of the Jubilee Committee, and do not see their way to adopt Mr. Ormsby's suggestion, which would have seemed preferable on other grounds and begin the work at the Shauki-wan end.

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2. No serious difficulties are anticipated in complying with the requirements, and although the proposed to construct the road as near as level as possible has to be modified, the new road will still be decided improvement on the existing (Pekulum) road, which rises to an altitude of 400 feet above sea level and does not follow the shore line. The level of the new road will be about the same as that of the Pekulum Road where it joins the Bonham Road near the C.M.S. house.

Conditions (b) and (d) are practically questions of expense only and therefore concern the Government who have undertaken to complete the Road. Condition (c) is curious and interesting in view of the practical demonstration so recently given by the Boers of the ease with which structures of great magnitude may be wrecked.

The following letter has now been written to the Government accepting the conditions and urging that the plans, application, etc., may be put in hand at once and an early start made on the work.

LETTER FROM COMMITTEE TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.
HONGKONG, 23rd May, 1900.

Sir,—In reply to your letter No. 597 of the 7th April enclosing a copy of despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the proposed construction of a road from Kennedy Town to Aberdeen, I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting held on the 18th inst., the Jubilee Committee (exclusive) carefully considered the conditions upon which the Military Authorities are prepared to withdraw their objection to the road and that the Committee are not prepared to accept the conditions which have been put forward by the Military Authorities. These conditions are:—
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THE WAR.

The Occupation of Koonstad.

London, May 12.—A despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Boschnad, this morning, says: "The enemy evacuated their first line of entrenchments during last night. We are now reconnoitering towards Koonstad. General French seized a drift over Valshe river yesterday afternoon in the nick of time to prevent the enemy occupying the passage."

Lord Roberts, in a despatch from Koonstad, dated Friday evening, says: "We marched twenty miles to-day and are now but fourteen miles from Koonstad and six from Boschdank where the Boers are entrenched. General Gordon's Brigade is in touch with them. General Brandwood's Brigade captured several wagons and some prisoners yesterday. General French and General Huron's Divisions are some distance due north from here. A hundred prisoners have been taken during the last two days."

A despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Koonstad, to-day at two in the forenoon, says: "I ordered Koonstad unopposed at 1.30 p.m. to-day and hoisted the Union Jack amid the cheers of the British. President Steyn did not even attempt vainly to dislodge us. The Boers were too cowardly to attempt the occupation. The Transvaalers said they would fight no longer in the Free State and made for the Vaal River. The Free State accused the Transvaalers of using and then deserting them. Many Free State men have come back to Koonstad."

After commencing the procession entering the town, including General Pole-Carew's Division, Lord Roberts added before leaving Koonstad issued a proclamation making Lindley the seat of Government. General Buller and General Buller have both accompanied the Transvaalers."

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